

Whither Weather?

McGill Observatory Investigated by Daily

By PEGGY BENJAMIN
(Chief Staff Writer.)

Having attended McGill's last home game at the stadium, and having felt like nothing so much as a melting icicle, we decided to see if something could be done about the weather — in spite of Mark Twain's conclusion regarding the matter.

We found McGill's own weather man in an obscure corner of the campus — that grey stone house near the steps leading up to Carleton Road, at the west end of the Arts Building. The sign on the door said "McGill Observatory" in red letters on white — which seemed to be sufficient indication that a mere student might be welcome. The gentleman on duty was very polite — the mere student was welcome.

Numerous Clocks

The first impression was that tempus was indeed fugit — in no less than four separate and distinct tickings emanating from 3 cases that resembled grandfather clocks, and a fourth clock, the location of which is yet to be discovered by the writer.

From two of these clocks time signals are sent to the C.N.R., the C.P.R. and the Alarms Building in Fletcher's Field; they (the clocks, of course) are secured to a brick pillar which extends into the earth beneath the building to a depth of 35 feet, and is so well insulated that even an earthquake would have difficulty interfering with their accuracy. Leading jewelers in Montreal refer to the McGill Observatory for the correct time, as well they might, since these time pieces are never more than one-half second "out." A third clock controls the gong signals that startle students from their class-time reveries.

Established 1875

The McGill Observatory has been in operation since 1875; formerly, there was an astronomical section in the upper section of the tower-like part of the building. At present, Professor Kimble, head of the Geography Department, is in charge of the Observatory and makes his home in the same building. To prove that as observers these weather men are truly observant, they can deliver an account of the weather for the past 75 years — if anyone is interested in knowing the conditions of the elements on the date of, say, his grandfather's eleventh birthday. This Observatory is the second oldest such in Canada; its only senior is — believe it or not — Toronto.

WEATHER FORECASTS

The head station of the Canadian Meteorological Service for the section from, roughly, here to the northern boundary of Ungava, is at Dorval. As a member of this Ser-

vice, the McGill Observatory sends two reports every day to Dorval, one at 7 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m. Dorval takes such reports from all over the section; and compiles them into the weather forecasts which it broadcasts.

Outside on the lawn are two objects which have excited our curiosity for some time.

TEMPERATURE SCALE

The one that resembles a home for bees, isn't. A home for bees, that is, it's a home for thermometers, humidity gauges, and recorders of same; the drums of the recorders are run by clocks which keep the drums, on which are placed the record graphs, in motion. To us, it was a revelation and a relief to learn that meteorologists do not sit in concentration before a thermometer all day long, in order to note the maximum and minimum temperatures of the day.

For the maximum temperature, they use a thermometer in which the mercury goes up only; since it never recedes, it always records the temperature at its highest point. Which shows that "it ain't necessarily so" that what goes up must come down. The minimum temperature is read on a thermometer containing a small "stick" which stops at the lowest temperature; although the temperature may rise again, the "stick" remains at the lowest point.

The other interesting object on the lawn looks somewhat like a garbage container, but is really a device for measuring rainfall. The cover is funnel-shaped with a small hole at the bottom, through which the water drips on to a balanced affair that might be compared to a spoon with a bowl at each end; when one "bowl" is filled it tips down, spilling the water into the can below, and the other "bowl" is brought under the water inlet. Each "bowl" contains the equivalent of one-hundredth of an inch of rainfall, and as it is tipped this amount is recorded in the office.

PART TIME DETECTIVE

Frequently the members of the Observatory staff are called into court. That may sound shocking, but not when you know that the reason is so that they can give evidence as to what the weather was like on the night this murder was committed, or that suicide was attempted. Should you ever tangle with a bus at Suicide Corner, and you know you did not slip — you were pushed — it might be comforting to know that the Observatory men can stand by you, if their records show that the streets had no meteorological reason to be slippery.

Student Labor Club Meets Tonight at 5

Mr. Robert Haddock, National Director of the Fur and Leather Workers' Union, C.I.O., will speak on "Civil Rights for Quebec Labour" at an open meeting sponsored by the Student Labor Club, being held today at 5 o'clock in the Union Ballroom.

Touchdown Club Resolution Praises Work of Vic Obeck

By PEGGY BENJAMIN
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The work of McGill's football coach, Vic Obeck, was given recognition and approval in a resolution read at a meeting of the Touchdown Club in the Union Ballroom last night. The resolution was passed at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Montreal Branch of the Graduates' Society, held on Thursday, November 13th, and was authorized to be read at last night's meeting of the Touchdown Club.

LEADERSHIP

The Council stated, in the resolution, that it has taken an active interest in the recent reorganization of athletics at McGill. Since the appointment of Vic Obeck as a new full time football coach was the first important step taken in connection with this reorganization, and since "already the influence of the new coach's leadership has been favourably felt throughout the schools in the Montreal District," the Council wished to express their approval of his work. After consultations with the McGill Graduates' Athletic Club and the McGill Graduates' Football Club, the



All those who have signed up with this year's edition of the RED AND WHITE REVUE are requested to come to the first big audition which will be held TOMORROW NIGHT IN THE UNION BALLROOM AT EIGHT O'CLOCK. Pictured above are some of the dancers from last year's show. . . . Just one part of a regular Revue cast which includes singers, script writers, actors, stage hands and designers. Students interested in any of these phases of production are asked to come to the audition at which time Gerry O'Brien, Director of the show, will interview those who have thus far registered for work in the Revue.

Dawson Vets Will Hold Meet Today

A meeting of the Dawson College Student Veterans Society will be held today in Theatre 1. Vice-president Bob Muskatov will present reports of the National Council of Student Veterans Societies, and the Montreal District Student Veterans' Society.

Following the first item on the agenda, which will be the reading of reports, will be a decision whether to hold an election for Executive by ballot, or by immediate election after nominations from the floor.

The executive, chosen from the ranks of Dawson's Veteran Student Body, includes a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and publicity director.

The distribution of membership cards will be done at this session. Although all veterans are automatically members of the Society, a nominal entrance fee of 25 cents is required, as requested by the council.

Red & White Society Will Meet This Thurs.

The new Red and White Society is holding its first meeting on Thursday of this week in the New Room of the Union at five o'clock. This is in the nature of an organizational meeting, and all members are urged to attend.

The Society is planning a number of events during the coming season, and the purpose of this first gathering is to organize the different activities of its members. The executive also intends to disclose some of the events which the Red and White Society will promote and sponsor in the near future.

Executive Council drew up its resolution — which was submitted to the University authorities, and read at last night's meeting of the Touchdown Club.

Full Support

In the resolution they stated the desire that Viv Obeck "be advised that he has the full support of this Council in his endeavours to build a broad program of football at McGill along sportsmanlike lines which will tend to give football leadership throughout the province."

The Touchdown Club, which is composed of from 400 to 500 McGill grads and schoolboys in Montreal who are interested in football, meets every Tuesday evening during the football season. At their meetings, moving pictures of the games are shown — last night a film of the McGill-Queens game was presented. The Club was formed by the McGill Graduates' Football Club, but it is not a club in the usual sense — that is, it is not a matter of "membership" — and anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Literature Society Will Meet Tomorrow

The Literature Society opens its program for the year tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Union New Room. Undergraduates are to furnish the discussion, instead of the usual guest speaker. Brian MacDonald will be the moderator, and Lyall Stewart will read a paper on the uses made of prose in literature.

Dusty Vineberg and others will continue the argument, in which the whole group, it is expected, will participate.

Refreshments will be served, and the Executive hopes they will be rather different to the conventional sandwich fare that follows such discussions. It may be necessary to make a small charge.

New Journal Appears On Varsity Scene

By Canadian University Press

A new semi-monthly publication named "The Forum" made its appearance on the Varsity campus recently. It is a journal expressing opinions on affairs affecting university students in general and Toronto students in particular.

The paper is entirely independent and a member of the Publications Committee stated that they do not intend to enter into any controversy with any other paper on the campus.

The journal will be kept at a high standard as possible by refraining from sensationalism and yellow dog tactics. It was stated. All contributions of opinions will be aired as long as these opinions fulfill the requirements of good journalism.

At present the staff is having the usual difficulties with regard to the assembling of material in a new publication. They hope in later issues to have book reviews and an art, music and drama section.

Women's U. to Pack Overseas Parcels

The Women's Union is packing parcels to be sent overseas for Christmas. Each and every woman student should make a contribution, such as canned food, toys, clothing, etc.

All articles will be gratefully received, and should be left at the Women's Union Office before Saturday, November 22. A box has been left outside the door of the office in the R.V.C. so that students may leave gifts at any time.

There are many people, especially children, who will not be spending this Christmas as happily as we would like them to be. Let's do everything possible to make their Christmas the very best we can!

EUS Fall Informal To Be Held This Friday

The Engineers' Fall Informal will be held at Sir Arthur Currie Gymnasium on Friday, November 22. The Undergraduate Society of the Engineers have announced that the dance will be "cabaret style" and Johnny Holmes Orchestra will supply the music. The dancing and entertainment will last from 9.00 p.m. to 1.00 a.m.

Nominees Requested By Dawson Key Soc.

A call for nominees for membership in the Dawson Key has been sounded on the Dawson campus. Only two of the 15 members are left from last year, leaving 13 places to be filled. Seven are to come from the Faculty of Arts and Science and six from the Faculty of Engineering; the two present members being in the Faculty of Engineering.

Nominations are to be signed by 10 men of the same faculty as the nominee, and must be handed into Mr. Hilliard before 4 p.m., Friday Nov. 21.

The work done by the Key consists of receiving visitors, and taking an active part in the running of all social and athletic events at Dawson.

Dr. H. Cayton To Speak On Race Issues

Dr. Horace R. Cayton, eminent sociologist and author, will be guest speaker tonight at the fourth of the current series, "Lectures on Living," at 8 p.m. in Moyse Hall. Dr. Cayton was co-author of "Black Metropolis," a prize-winning study of Negro life in a northern city of the United States.

Previous to the evening lecture Dr. Cayton will address informally the McGill Sociological Society at 11 a.m. in Room 12 of the Arts Building. It is expected that all students in Sociology and particularly in the field of Race Relations will attend.

"Black Metropolis," on which Dr. Cayton collaborated with a noted anthropologist, St. Claire Drake, was winner of the Anisfield-Wolf Award for the best book on racial relations published during 1945. Dr. Cayton's name appeared on the Honor Roll of Race Relations of 1945, a list of 19 persons who distinguished themselves during that year in the effort to improve race relations.

Dr. Cayton is at the present director of the Parkway Community House in Chicago. In addition to his work "Black Metropolis," he has written several books on Negro problems and is now continuing research in the Chicago Negro area.

Prairie Camp In Favour Of Beauty Trials

(By Canadian University Press.)

Although it has been indicated that the students on western campuses are in favor of interspersing beauty contests information received by The Gateway, publication for the University of Alberta places the possibility of a repetition of such contests as very unlikely.

According to the text of a note sent to the paper by the president of the university "beauty contests are considered not an appropriate activity for universities."

Campus opinion polls, however, have shown that although not an "appropriate activity" the contests are "popular activities." Questioned by canvassers on the question U of A students favored such displays by 70 per cent, 74 per cent of this group being men.

University of British Columbia students also found beauty contests "permissible under special circumstances, arousing a great deal of favorable interest on the campus and with the general public."

This university sponsored last year's most publicized contest, yet considered them "not desirable as regular features." The UBC campus publication upheld the Alberta students stand in stating that the majority of students favored the idea of contests for Beauty queens.

The president of the student body at the University of Saskatchewan, the other western college involved in the controversy, refused to comment on the question.

OFFICE HOURS

The Women's Union office is open from 2 to 4 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, from noon to 3 on Wednesday, from 2 to 4 on Thursday, and from 2 to 3 on Friday. On Thursday, Dorothy Stalker, the secretary-treasurer, will be there for consultation on financial matters.

McGill Team Will Meet Opponents from Harvard In Intercollegiate Meet

Students of SCM Will Hear Rev. S. Pollard

As announced Monday, the series of nine lecture-discussion periods on "A Scientific Approach to Understanding History and Its Workings" begins today in the library room of S.C.M. House, 3574 University Street at 1.05 p.m. continuing till 1.55 p.m.

More formally this study is entitled "A Christian Interpretation of History and Christian Realism" in conjunction with "Dialectical and Historical Materialism." These subjects will be approached from the point of view of a L.P.P. organizer, and a priest of the Anglican Church, the Rev. S. Pollard, speaking on alternate weeks for about 20 minutes. This will be followed by a question-discussion period.

Reference materials will be available in limited quantity through the S.C.M. Library, but those attending are urged to purchase the key booklets as needed. (Total cost, 60c.)

Light lunches are available at S.C.M. House regularly for .15c. These can be eaten during the course of the lecture.

Four Holidays Are Theme Of Dawson Dance

On Friday, Nov. 28 at 8.30 a "Holiday Dance" will be presented at the Dawson gymnasium. The dance is so named because of the way in which the gym will be decorated. Each corner of the structure will be made up to represent a different holiday; the four represented being Christmas, Easter, Halloween, and St. Valentine's Day.

The Show is under the direction of George Mueller who has put on many successful events at Dawson this year. McGill co-eds are invited to attend this affair and tickets will be on sale this week at R.V.C. and the Union. The price is 75 cents and includes transportation both ways as well as refreshments. The buses will leave McGill between 7 and 7.30 on the night of the dance.

The Barn Dance at the beginning of the term was held by some to be the most successful dance held at Dawson. It is hoped that this "Holiday Dance" will be even better.

The Humanist Holds College Essay Contest

By Canadian University Press

The American Humanist Association, publishers of The Humanist, a quarterly, has announced an essay contest for college students. The assigned subject for an essay of from 1,000 to 1,400 words is "Building a Positive Way of Life in accordance with the Scientific Method and the Highest Aspirations of Mankind." Entrants may give their essay a briefer title.

Prizes, offered both for essays written by individuals, and for essays prepared by groups of five or more students, are as follows: individual essays: First prize, \$25.00; Second prize, \$10.00. Group essays: First prize, \$25.00; Second prize, \$10.00. The group essays should result from group discussion. The closing date is December 20, 1947. No manuscript will be returned. Publication rights will be reserved by the American Humanist Association, with winning entries to be published in The Humanist. Entrants should indicate the college or university they are attending.

Those presenting a group essay, should indicate the names and addresses of the members of the group and its representative, as well as the college that the members attend. Send manuscripts to the American Humanist Association, 569 South 13th East, Salt Lake City 2, Utah.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

The Registrar's office has now moved back into the ground floor of the Arts Building East Wing. Other floors of the East Wing are occupied as follows: 2nd floor—the Principal and his staff; 3rd floor—Accounts; 4th floor—Extension Courses.

Supporters Expect Victory Of Hugessen and Rosenfeld

The second annual debate between McGill and Harvard University will take place at Boston on Thursday, November 20, at four o'clock. The negative of the topic "Resolved that Implementation of the Marshall Plan will further the interests of world peace" will be upheld by the McGill team of Ted Hugessen and Isadore Rosenfeld.

Aron Elected Fine Arts Club President

ARON ELECTED

The Fine Arts Society of McGill is now an established fact. Inaugurated yesterday at 5 p.m. in the Union's Music room, the Society has the distinction of constituting the newest addition to the existing campus clubs and societies.

Eugene Jousse, as temporary chairman, presided over the meeting. First on the agenda was the election of Professor Robert T. Davis as honorary president. On his acceptance, Professor Davis stated that the Society "can be an exciting thing." He also stressed the fact that the club would afford ample opportunity for discussions of phases of art not treated in the University's courses in that field.

The Executive was elected and is composed of Ivan Aron, president; Jean Pouliot, vice-president; Muriel England, secretary-treasurer; Eileen Bowdin, program chairman, and Eugene Jousse, publicity director.

Various aspects of future programs were mentioned and the first draft of the constitution presented. It was decided to submit two of the clauses for discussion with the members at large at a later date.

Le Carabin Fools Local Newspapers

(Canadian University Press)

Le Carabin, students newspaper of Laval University fooled local newspapermen last week by announcing the arrival in Quebec of Georges de la Beaudiniere, a "great French Archeologist," who was reputed to be the author of books such as "The Cryns Ruins," "Future is to Antiquity," and so on. The "scholar" was to come to Quebec to search for the tomb of Samuel de Champlain, founder of Quebec, and also for pre-cambrian fossils.

Arts and Science Debaters Hold First Meeting of Year

The Arts and Science Debating Society held its first meeting of the year yesterday in the Union Ballroom. Mr. John Dando addressed the group, outlining the principal rules to follow in debating.

The meeting was opened by Chairman Hugh Hamilton, who mentioned several innovations which the Society, sponsored by the Arts and Science Undergraduate Society, has adopted. Firstly, women have been invited to join the society for the first time in its history. This will in no way conflict with the R.V.C. debating society, as both organizations will need many girls. Secondly, inter-class debates will be held every Monday in the music room of the Union, and it is hoped that critics may be present at each debate. Inter-faculty debates are to be held each Wednesday. Mr. Hamilton stated that the Society hopes for its greatest season this year, and that a large participation is expected.

TWO EASTERN SECTIONS

Mr. Roland Laprairie, president of the McGill Debating Society, outlined the activities of the Inter-University Debating League. There are two sections in the East, and this year it is expected that the Eastern champions will hold a final debate with the Western champions. Mr. Laprairie pointed out that McGill debaters have

Both are members of the McGill senior debating team which last year succeeded in defeating their American opponents. This year it is expected that they will compete against the best debaters from Harvard. This team of Hugessen and Rosenfeld has debated with twelve Universities in the United States and Canada, including Princeton, Rutgers, Toronto, Ottawa, and Bishop, and as yet have never lost a debate.

McGill has achieved a high standing in the Intercollegiate Debating League largely because of the successful efforts of Hugessen and Rosenfeld who are not only past members of the executive of the McGill Debating Union but also holders of the prized Gold Key, awarded for excellence in public speaking.

Before the principal contest the McGill team will face a students' debating team from the University of Boston in an exhibition bout. The Harvard-McGill debate will be broadcast over the NBC network in the vicinity of Boston.

Ted Hugessen and Isadore Rosenfeld have been debating as a team for three years in the I.U.D.L. and have always emerged victorious. Also they came very close to winning the Canadian debating championships. With the ever-increasing ability of our debaters McGill supporters are anticipating another victory.

ELECTRICAL CLUB

The Electrical Club has arranged a trip to the Yoville Shops of the Montreal Tramways for all third year electricals on Wed. Nov. 19. Free transportation will be provided from the Engineering Building at 2.00 p.m. The visitors will be back at the Engineering Building before 4.30. The electrical problem period will be cancelled to allow students to take the trip.

PROF. DANDO

Mr. Dando then spoke, saying that self-presentation was a vital quality required by every one, and that facilities for training in oral presentation are limited and neglected. Debates should not be considered merely a convenient mode of entry into the Royal Victoria College. Rather, debating offers an excellent opportunity to develop necessary fluency and poise.

He continued that the three main considerations in public speaking are voice, posture, and presentation of material. The speaker must breathe deeply, employ proper emphasis, and think of what he is saying, in order to impart color to his words. Good timing in voice and gestures are essential. The debater should avoid detail, and digressions from the topic.

Mr. Dando concluded by saying that he felt it important that McGill preserve her reputation for good sportsmanship in the field of debating as well as of athletics. The meeting ended in a question period.

Pep Rally Of UJSA Held Last Evening

A "Pep Rally" opened the United Jewish Student Appeal last night at Hillel House. The main speaker was Rabbi Charles Bender.

The Rabbi stressed the importance of the four c's in the life of the students, "creed, charity, culture, and country." He pointed out that "in a machine the tiny wheel can be as important as the big wheel."

The coming program for the campaign, which starts on Nov. 26, and ends on Dec. 6, was outlined. Prominent in this program will be a gala opening dance on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 8.30, to which everybody is invited. Another important item will be a mass rally to be held on Sunday, Nov. 23.

The Hillel Luncheon Club will function during every lunch hour of the two weeks of UJSA Campaign. Part of the entertainment provided by the club will consist of movies and talks to which everyone is invited; it has been announced. December 8 will mark the closing of the campaign by an open dance.

Students will be able to allocate their money to home, Europe, or Palestine. Every speaker emphasized that the cause is worthy, and that the objective will be obtained if tonight's rally is a sign of the enthusiasm of the students.

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DAWSON GYM STAFF SHORTAGE

When Dawson opened in the fall of 1945, there were many skeptics of the idea who had visitations of what would happen when some 2,000 students "ran loose" in town from lack of sufficient diversion at the bleak former Air Force camp.

Before the first few weeks had gone by complaints were already coming in from St. John's citizens and merchants, brought on by rowdy students. It was noted that as soon as the Athletic Program got underway the complaints from St. John were still.

Plans had been put forward to convert the former drill hall into a gym, but with the dearth of materials and labour it looked like a long job. Professor Em Orlick, B.A., M.A., B.Sc., M.S.P.E., was given the post of Athletic Director at Dawson and it is largely due to his spirit and tireless energy that so much was accomplished with so little.

Students numbering in the hundreds helped by lining the gym, building a baseball diamond, assisting in the leveling of the rugby field, and in the reconditioning of the softball diamond, the track and field, and the tennis courts.

Following this, a Boxing, Wrestling, and Bodybuilding room was built by the students. They also pitched in to enlarge the hockey rink and have maintained it ever since, taking care of the flooding and removal of snow. These tasks were tackled with a vim and vigour as were all the succeeding ones, and if any one source can be labelled as the foundation of the abundance of spirit that is typical of Dawson students, it is the spirit of comradeship gained by this working together.

All these tasks were completed without recompense, monetary or otherwise, from McGill. Also the whole Athletic Department including coaches, managers, and trainers, have been comprised of unpaid and unhired students, with the exception of Director Em Orlick and the part-time seasonal coaches hired by McGill—Jerry O'Donahoe in football, and Steve Armstrong in basketball. The intra-mural leagues are managed and their games (about 600 yearly) are officiated by unpaid student help.

Let us now compare this with the picture at McGill proper. Although the student population is something like five times as large as Dawson's, its numerical representation in Intercollegiate sports is only about half again as

large, and in intra-mural only about one and a quarter times the size of the respective St. John's representations. Dawson's 18 intercollegiate teams with their 300 odd participants, and its myriad of leagues whose participants include 350 floor hockeyists and more than 250 intra-mural basketballers give some idea of the tremendous participation in athletics that students take when living on the campus with nothing else to do.

Although the Dawson student representation in athletics has grown to a peak nearly equal to that of McGill, the Department staffs are still as unequally balanced as they were when the new campus first opened. In Montreal, aside from the Phys. Ed. Department consisting of Dr. Lamb and Messrs. Finlay, Van Wagner and Blackstock, there are Vic Obeck and Howie Ryan in charge of Intercollegiate and Intra-mural sports respectively as well as handling football and basketball. Then follows the impressive list of paid part-time coaches, some of whom are Gord Marriott, Dan Daniels and Al Cagney, in football; George Tulley in fencing; Vic Curran in swimming; Jimmy Rose in Water Polo; Irving Phillips in boxing; Charlie Walker in weightlifting; Allan Turnbull in wrestling; Dave Campbell in hockey; and pro's such as Luigi Foger in skiing. Also included in the roster are two full-time paid trainers—Harry Grimes and Jimmy Adams—in contrast to Dawson's unpaid student trainers.

One of the big differences is the fact that when students do help out at McGill, they get paid for it. The fifty cents a game for intra-mural referees would save Dawson league managers a great deal of trouble in getting officials as would an hourly wage make rolling tennis courts and flooding rinks seem more inviting. A few permanent men on the outdoor facilities at Dawson would not be at all amiss. They have not yet had even one.

This lack of sufficient help, although it may make for spirit, certainly does not give Dawson students the amount of coaching due them as McGill students. Also intra-mural schedules would be run off much more efficiently by a full time man. This unequal division of staff should be rectified to enable Dawson sports enthusiasts to receive the same amount of coaching per capita of participants as Montreal students. —R.U.

McGILL "ON THE AIR"

The radio, as an instrument of communication, has over the past few decades undergone tremendous technical developments. Its uses, aside from the domestic application with which we are so familiar, has now extended to almost perfected forms of television and facsimile newspaper production.

But of all the uses to which it can and is being applied, there is one which absorbs the attention and the interest of the vast majority of people almost exclusively. We refer, of course, to the domestic uses of the radio—what we now regard as a household appliance.

Coincident with the rapid technical improvements of the wireless instrument there has been a paradoxical opposite effect: the gradually declining standards of entertainment; the abuses wrought by immature, superficial program material and the often criticized but now almost universal "soap" operas and "singing" commercials.

There is no need for illustrative material; almost everybody has sobbed with "Big Sister" or tingled with "Life Can Be Beautiful" or multiplied with "Pepper Young's Family."

And even more individuals have been known to unwittingly hum the tune so characteristic of a certain candy-coated chewing gum or non-alcoholic cream oil.

These then, are some of the childish violations to which the radio, as a form of entertainment and information has been exposed. But in all fairness to a few serious minded individuals, it must be recorded that there are attempts to rescue radio from sinking altogether

into the bog. Certain dramatic and educational efforts which have somehow managed to procure "time" are to be regarded with approval and commendation. In this connection, it might be fitting to mention the International Service of the CBC, and some of the efforts of the domestic service.

Prospects for the future of radio, which inevitably lie in the educational standards of both listener and performer, can, we feel, but be enhanced with the absorption of college graduates into the field. It is for this reason that we look with interest upon the efforts of the McGill Radio Committee.

The committee's function as a training ground for students interested in entering the "profession" alone justifies its existence; if it can in this way contribute to a higher standard of radio entertainment and a more mature approach to some of the educational potentialities of the instrument, then it must receive active support.

We look, therefore, with anticipation at the first program prepared by the McGill Radio Committee, which is taking place tonight at 10.15 p.m. on radio station C.J.A.D. Nobody expects, it must be added, that the program itself will be a finished product; it may have its rough spots and shortcomings. But from a long-range view tonight may well prove to be the start of interesting developments for McGill in the radio field. We sincerely hope so.

And so, to the McGill Radio Committee and its members we send wishes of success when, tonight, they are "on the air". —A.T.

the modern thinker

In a past article, the Modern Thinker suggested that man now possesses the economic tools which make intelligent analysis of our economy possible and the means by which that economic system can be made to serve his needs. This happy state of affairs, however, is prevented from fruition by misrepresentation as to what our economic system really is. Businessmen, politicians and regrettably even some economists are either ignorant of the true situation or else deliberately misrepresent the existing economic system.

Our economic system is generally referred to as free private enterprise. Simple or perfect competition exists where there is a tremendous number of producers, so many, that no producer can influence the market in any way by withholding his produce. Similarly there is a great number of buyers who exercise no control over the seller due to their great number. It is obvious then that since no one seller or buyer can influence the market, the market price is an objective one determined by the competitive conditions of supply and demand, all the modern arts of competitive salesmanship being quite unnecessary. An excellent example of this theory can be found in the production and sale of wheat before the introduction of any kind of government controls. It is obvious, however, that very few enterprises in the Canadian economy will satisfy such a definition.

At the other extreme is the condition of monopoly where one seller controls the whole supply of some commodity.

The Canadian economy lies somewhere between these two extremes. It is a virtual No Man's Land loosely designated as imperfect competition. This means that there is at least one seller who can influence the market because his production is a significant part of the total supply marketed.

Several basic consequences must logically follow from imperfect competition. Price no longer automatically adjusts itself to supply and demand, and is set anywhere within the limits of a "zone of indeterminateness." Unfair competitive practices are likely to arise—abolition of price competition, industrial inactivity, and intensification of competition to the point of unethical practices, caused entirely by the intensification.

It is difficult for Canadians to realize the degree of concentration of economic power in their economy. In the tobacco industry 70% of all production is controlled by the Imperial Tobacco Co. The rubber footwear and tire industry in 1933 was composed of 45 establishments with total capital assets of \$65 millions, employing 10,000 employees, producing \$41 millions in products. Of the 45 establishments, however, 14 owned 92% of the capital assets, employed 86% of the total employees, produced 89% of the total goods. In 1929, 75% of the total domestic production of the agricultural implement industry was produced by four firms, two of which are in relation to one another as parent and subsidiary. Dominion Textile in 1933 produced 38% of total sales of primary cotton and

together with its subsidiary, Montreal Cottons, produced 48%.

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This is not to say that the Canadian economy is entirely dominated by a few firms. Nevertheless it is reasonable to say that our economy is fully monopolized as it is to say it is free. This article indicates that the existing system is not wholly competitive—that is, rivalry in price. If it is argued, as it is, that competition alone leads to efficiency, then our system is inefficient and we ought to take steps to make it competitive. If, however, our existing system alone leads to efficiency, then we must cease to say that competition alone leads to efficiency, something rarely admitted. We cannot logically continue to say, however, that our system is both competitive and efficient at the same time.



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De Profundis

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The poppies in your bosoms never die.

You look upon them, and you shed a tear,
Remembering all our Calvaries... once a year.

We are the dead; we do not ask your tears,
Your plaudits, mounting with the mounting years,
Your cheerless poppies, and your pompous show —
Forget us, we are dead: 'tis better so.

But when you called us to our death, you said
Such noble things: remember them instead.

The torch we flung you when we ceased to fight
Winks palely from the floor of Stygian night.

Broken the faith. Ah vainly did we die!
We do not sleep: you will not let us lie.

But call us from our sweet Elysian ways
To haunt your streets on your Remembrance Days.

D. PERCY GRAHAM.

In the warm yellow light of my lighted room
The red chest is yellow, and the pale creams

Lie yellow on old blacks, new-edged and warm.

And through the dark rectangle that breaks the wall
Falls the tin blue of a wet thundery Blue metal reds, and water gleam-world:

It is the vast austerity that makes us small.

Our warmth our weakness—it is our yellow lamp
That yellows filimly the extensive truth.

C. HARVEY

The Guileless Eremite

by Vigilantior

The question dates from time immemorial. The answer, which is being bandied about at present by large numbers of undergraduates with an air of great originality, is almost as hoary. We have no college spirit, or so the story goes. As usual, the story is false, as false now as it was 10 years or more ago when I first heard it.

What do we mean by spirit, anyway? I find that I use the word in a number of senses: (1) that which gives life to a body; (2) the essence of a thing, that which gives it character and individuality; (3) a fuel, as for a spirit lamp; (4) a fluid that produces a pleasant feeling; (5) an intangible presence. Let's try these on for size.

We know that a body is alive when it is aware of its surroundings, and affects them according to purposes. Is there a campus on the continent more alive to the affairs of the nation and of the world than ours? Are the achievements of McGill graduates the mere mechanistic workings of inert matter? Where there is life there is spirit, and McGill has certainly proved herself alive by her vigorous interests and by the vital part she has played through her staff and alumni.

Has McGill character and individuality? Other colleges have cheerleaders; we have none. Other colleges have smart bands; whether we have or not, we will never admit it. Other colleges are victorious in athletic contests; if Jim Coleman of the Globe and Mail is to be believed, "McGill does not choose to win!" Are we so original? I do not think that it is because we fail to give athletics and other extra-curricular activities their due place, but rather because we give them precisely their due place. Few colleges compete so well in so many sports or have a wealth of cultural, religious and political societies.

However, where many colleges consist of a mass-production degree factory on the one hand and a visiting firemen's convention on the extra-curricular side, McGill stands firmly and sanely aside from such

institutional schizophrenia, and maintains a balanced college life of instruction as human and personal as our present crowded conditions will allow, and activities as dignified as is consonant with the festivities of their occasions. Our Alma Mater is a lady, and those who would have her turn cartwheels because others do it, hire brawny athletes as gignols because others do it, and generally enter into the giddy whirl of modern campus ballyhoo, are seeking to rob her of her peculiar excellency, her distinctiveness, her Spirit.

Because McGill is different and distinctive, McGill men have been proud to wear the red and white through defeat as well as victory, and have carried her name across the seven seas on their several occasions, talking of marlets and scarlet keys and singing of one who rests peacefully beneath a gingko tree. Such a pride does not boast so much of the achievements of others as it spurs us on to achievements ourselves: such a fuel will keep our torch alight, and I am glad to see that our own Diogenes in a recent article demonstrated that he had this kind of stuff in his lantern — I trust he will find some true men around the campus.

As he has pointed out, the type of discussion which McGill students revel in (and which, I might add, was one of the chief pleasures of the great medieval universities) tends to provide students with an insight into viewpoints other than their own, and this flow of words, I submit, is a fluid which produces a pleasant feeling—the feeling that the other fellow isn't so bad after all, and that there is—future leaders—discuss ethics, hope for a world in which students politics, religion, and so forth without losing their tempers. McGill has spirit in this sense also.

Finally, the term spirit is used for an intangible presence. Well, there is something about McGill, something intangible, which is yet the source of our love for her, our pride in her, something which you won't find anywhere else. In saying this, I am not disparaging any other college; they all have, or should have, something like this for

Book Review

Sealed Verdict

by Lionel Shapiro

By LIONEL SHAPIRO

I you begin reading this book, as I did, hoping that it will in some way reflect the nationality of the author, you will be disappointed. "The Sealed Verdict" is designed for an American public — or more expressly, for that part of the reading public which buys "best-sellers" indiscriminately, and enjoys grade 'B' movies.

The movie rights to the novel have already been sold, and Mr. Shapiro has saved Hollywood a good deal of trouble by making his minor characters into "types" which can readily be filled by some of the dozen or so "character" actors who reappear in almost every movie, having changed nothing but their costumes and their names. There is no character in the book who really stands out as being original. Shapiro has drawn his people from contemporary fiction rather than from life.

The plot is weak in places—perhaps "sloppy" would be a better word to describe it. For instance—Themis Delisle, the heroine, has been the unwilling mistress of a German officer during the occupation of France. Her reasons for this are honourable, and plausible enough, but she turns up mysteriously to defend the German, who is being tried as a war criminal. This baffles the hero, Robert Lashley, who is the prosecutor in the case, until she explains to him that she came out of a sense of duty. Although she knows that he is guilty, and wants to see him convicted, she feels that it is a part of the bargain into which she has been forced, so to speak, to testify in the defence. Lashley was satisfied by the explanation, but I am still baffled.

Another loop-hole which undermines the authenticity of the story occurs when Lashley, the prosecutor, finds that the accused has been convicted and sentenced to hang on the testimony of an insane man. Lashley has no doubts about the guilt of the German, but he is justifiably worried about the principle of the case—that a man can be sent to his death on testimony which is legally invalid, which he feels is degrading to the cause of justice and democracy. When he speaks to the German in his cell, and hears him triumphantly name his murdered victims, Lashley's mind is set at ease, and he lets the matter rest. But the legality of the case, and the invalidity of the trial remain unchanged. Shapiro evidently saw no way of resolving this point, and lets it drop from the protagonist's mind.

The book, however, never fails to hold at least a superficial part of the reader's attention, and is a good time-killer. It is mildly enjoyable reading, but it leaves little behind once its covers have been closed.

C. A. W.

their own students and alumni. But in each college it is something different, and something known only to her own. Each must guard against this bourgeois custom of "keeping up with the Joneses," for it is a common enemy. If those who wish to make this campus a carbon copy of the typical college campus (a fictitious entity) succeed, then college spirit will be doomed indeed. VIGILANTIOR.



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Red Cagers Open Schedule Tonight Against YMHA

MBL Start at Gym; Longue Pointe Team Host to Dawsonites

The Montreal Senior Basketball League makes its 1947-48 debut with a double-header tonight at the Sir Arthur Currie Gymnasium. All four teams will see action, with Central Y.M.C.A. meeting the 37th Regiment Gunners in the opener, and the McGill-Y.M.H.A. fray following at nine o'clock.

These teams were selected from the original six entries on the basis of their play in the Golden Ball tournament. As a result the MBL will present the fans with a well-balanced circuit.

The McGill squad, handled by Ronnie Rutherford, is not to be confused with the other senior Red Squad under Head Coach Howie Ryan's direction, an entry in the senior Intercollegiate loop. But rather it will serve as a "farm club" enabling a player to gather experience in top-flight competition. Since Ryan's quintet is not yet at full strength, a few players will be promoted shortly.

MBL SQUAD
The MBL team is relatively inexperienced, but coach Rutherford expects a stalwart fight against the Y.M.H.A., with men like Weisberg Wilson and Endman spearheading the attack. Lefty Berger, Lee Cousineau, 6'7" Bill Allen Moffatt, and Forand are also on the roster, presenting a formidable lineup.

Over at the "Y," coach Moe Abramowitz has made some noteworthy additions to his "Blues". He has obtained Mendy Morein from the now defunct Migos and promoted Sol Tolchinsky from his junior team.

To add to these newcomers, veterans Prupas, Lands, Bloomfield, Greenburg, Waxman and Strulowitch are sporting the Blue and White again.

The first games in the junior and Intermediate MBL will be played tonight. In the intermediate section, Dawson journeys to the Longue Pointe Ordnance Barracks to tackle the soldiers. In the Junior MBL McGill travels to St. Anne to meet MacDonald.

Close Games Feature Floor Hockey Play

Last night, in the McGill Floor Hockey League Flashers, led by rugged Sam Winter, defeated Stars 6-5. In the second game Bob Jeannotte with three goals led the Commercial to 6-1 victory over the Plumbers. Jeannotte now leads the scoring parade with nine goals. Two games will be played tonight with Stars and Commercial meeting at 5:15 and Plumbers tangling with Virgins at 6:15. These are the postponed games and must be played tonight.

REQUIRED EXAMINATION
The following women students are asked to report to the Currie Gymnasium chest X-rays during the remainder of this week.

Wednesday, November 19, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon, surnames beginning with F.G.H. to Hol inclusive. From 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. surnames beginning with Holl to end of H. and I.J.K. and L. to Lods.

Thursday, November 20, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, surnames beginning with Lov. to end of L. and M. Mac. and Mc. From 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. surnames beginning with N.O.P.R.

Friday, November 21, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon surnames beginning with S.T. From 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m. surnames beginning with U.V.W.X. YZ.

Will the woman students please note the day of their appointments and please report on the day assigned.

sports 'n stuff...

—by NORM WOLFE

HALF-TIME NONSENSE

Half-time discussion at the Queens-McGill football broadcast the other day was among the most infantile and inane we've ever had the misfortune to listen to. How any so-called experts in the grid game can argue that the whole Western University front-wall should be placed on the All-Star squad because "they play well together" is beyond us. Yet that is precisely the argument that these writers, some of whom contributed to the farcical Canadian Press "dream team" employed. It's obvious that when the selectors made their choice they were overwhelmed by the tremendous amount of publicity the Mustangs received this year. We are willing to bet that not one of these amateur Walter Camp's could name ten of the other 21 first-stringers in the loop.

As a sort of ironic reminder that securing 10 positions on the CP All-Star team doesn't automatically render a football squad infallible, and unbeatable Western came breath-takingly close to losing their first in 'n' years contest when they were held to a 12-12 tie by Varsity last Saturday. It seems that the battling Blues were not exactly frightened into hapless submission by all the blaring propaganda that emanated from the Mustangs' corral and elsewhere around the circuit. Although the Torontonians failed to place a single performer on the dream squad, it was just a missed convert that prevented them from forcing a playoff tilt with the Metrasmen. Incidentally, the rubber match would probably have been played right here in Montreal.

ODDS AND ENDS

The Canadian University Press All-Star squad selections are due to be released any day now. We hope that our confreres on the college papers showed a little more sense in their choices than did their professional counterparts. The Red hockey squad certainly starts the Intercollegiate loop the hard way with two games inside 24 hours this week-end. We have a sneaking suspicion that Dave Campbell's ice-men will bring McGill their first major championship of the 1947-48 season. The Intermediate puck squad, under mentor Ross Hutchings, will compete in a loop that includes Ottawa University, Carleton College, St. Pats, and Loyola. The Junior crew, with Wilf Anderson handling the coaching duties, is competing in the Mount Royal Junior League. McGill finally is building for the future in hockey.

On the cage front, mentor Howie Ryan throws his senior MBL cagers into action against the YMHA in the loop opener tonight. Howie is reported to be quite enthused with his Junior hoopers, and is personally coaching the squad in the hope that they will develop into the Intercollegiate Redmen of the future. Ron Rutherford is handling the senior MBL entry, with Hugh Purdy masterminding the Inters. Ryan has been attempting to base his offensive this year around the fast break, with the basic figure 8 as an alternative.

Vic Obeck's foresight and planning the future has not gone unnoticed among the graduates. The motion that was passed by the Grads Society is tangible recognition of Vic's services this past season, and insurance of future backing for the new mentor. Murray Hayes wore number 41 this past season, the same number that Glenn Davis made famous in his scintillating career with the Army grid squad. Incidentally, Davis and Doc Blanchard are cavorting across the Princess screen this week in something called the "Spirit of West Point." The newsreel shots are good.

Dawson Sports Setup Reviewed; Orlick and Assistants Praised

To say that Dawson has merely a good athletic setup would be an understatement. A top-notch program is offered to the students, and is due in a large part to the untiring efforts of Em. Orlick, head of the Athletics Department. Almost every conceivable type of athletic diversion is available to Dawson residents. For the outdoor types there are facilities and equipment available for football, soccer, tennis, track, rowing, baseball, softball, hockey, and skiing. The Dawson gym is the scene of year-round activities in the following sports: basketball, volleyball, badminton,

weightlifting, boxing, wrestling, floor hockey, gymnastics, bowling, and ping pong.

The remarkable fact about the efficient functioning of such a diversified program is the fact that most of the managers, coaches and organizers of the various sports are volunteers from the student body and teaching staff. Besides 'Boss' Orlick, the only other 'professionals' are Gord Koby, who supervises equipment maintenance and also gives invaluable help in directing other activities; Jerry O'Donoghue, coach of Dawson's ill-fated football 'Dynamos'; and Steve Armstrong, newly appointed head basketball coach.

SEASONAL SPORTS

As the seasons roll around each different sport comes into prominence. In the fall the main attraction is football. In this department Jerry O'Donoghue is assisted by Bill Ransom and Irv Rigler, who help manage the two teams of pigskin adherents. The tennis tournaments, directed by Gord Koby, are perennial Dawson favorites with all tennis fans getting their fill of the game. Ken Bullock manages the soccer team, and this year he came up with a winner; the soccer boys being undefeated as yet this fall.

When autumn begins to merge into winter, indoor sports take over on a big scale. Steve Armstrong and "Doc" Holmes get busy rounding out Dawson's two representative basketball teams. Intramural basketball, for the masses, comes into being shortly after New Year and rivals floor hockey for popularity. Winter itself sees the main attractions as hockey and the out-

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Dominion Gymnastic Meet Will Be Held At the McGill Gym

By BOB USHER

"Will Canada send a gymnastic team to the 1948 Olympics?" This is the question asked by Prof. Em. Orlick of Dawson College who is the greatest proponent of what may turn out to be the first Canadian gymnastic Olympic team since before World War I in 1912.

Canada's greatest gymnastic showings after the world war were the annual Dominion meets held at the National Exhibition in Toronto. In his effort to spread the sport throughout Canada, Orlick brought the 1937 meet to Montreal. The one following that was held in Vancouver to give the western boys a chance. Since then there have been no meets because of the war.

DOMINION MEET HERE

This fall, exactly one decade after the first time, the Dawson athletic director once more brings the Dominion meet to Montreal. On Saturday night, November 29, at Sir Arthur Currie Gym, McGill will play host to some forty entrants from Vancouver, Montreal and six Ontario cities, including a seven-man team from Ottawa Technical School, four men from Trinity College School and six more from the

WATER POLO NOTICES

All senior and junior water-polo players are requested to be at the M.A.A.A. tonight at 8:00 p.m. The senior exhibition game will be against the Y.M.C.A. Reds and will

definitely start by 8:30. The juniors should be on hand to observe the style of the Reds as they play next week against the same team. The next junior game is against Y.M.C.A. Greys on Thursday at the 'Y'.

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around the campus... ... with the observer

The sole purpose of this column is to disseminate, diffuse, and otherwise scatter broadcast the news of the various clubs of this campus, and their activities. Having said this most definite statement, let me continue with some further statements... It has been forcibly brought to my attention that several clubs' notices were absent from Tuesday's Daily. In fact, there was no column printed. There was not enough room on the back page... the traditional location for this source of information... and thus the column suffered (to say the least). This should not happen again, but, please, no more axes!

Duplicate Bridge Club

Players are reminded of the meeting tonight in the Union Ballroom. Play will commence at 7:30 sharp, so please be there on time. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the qualifying round of the individual tournament.

—There is a rehearsal for all participants of this year's Red and White Revue at 8:10 Thursday.

Dr. F. M. Watkins, professor of Political Science, will speak on "The Political Function of Architecture" at 8 p.m. tonight in the lecture room of the School of Architecture.

—There will be a meeting of the Cocomopolitan Club in the Union on Thursday, November 20, at 8 p.m. Everyone interested is urged to attend, an invitation which is extended as much to Canadian students as to foreign students on the campus.

The beginners' group of the McGill Camera Club will meet today at 7:30 p.m. in the New Room of

the Union to discuss the developing of film. At 8:30, the regular club meeting will feature a Colour Slide Night. All members are asked to bring any colour transparencies they have for projection and constructive criticism.

All students are invited to attend a Marxist study group on current affairs, on Thursday at 1 p.m. in the New room of the Union. The topic for discussion will be "THE DOLLAR CRISIS AND CANADA'S TRADE POLICY" and will be presented by Bill Ornstein, chairman of the club.

The Cosmo Club will hold a meeting Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the Union. Everyone welcome. The second hearing of the McGill Hot Jazz Society will take place tonight at 8 p.m. in the Music Room of the Union. All those interested in listening to Louis Armstrong, Jerry Roll Morton, and Coleman Hawkins are cordially invited to attend.

The Spanish Club will hold its first regular meeting of the year in the Grill Room of the Union at 8 p.m. Thursday. Those attending will have the opportunity of hearing Dr. Aguilar, D.C.L., from Venezuela, who will speak in Spanish, and Miss Myrian Savard from Haiti who is going to sing in Spanish. Latin American music will be available. Dancing will follow and refreshments will be served. All Spanish students are invited to attend.

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ing club. The outing club, part of MOC, is under the direction of Ken Thomas, a renowned skier.

Spring and summer sessions find baseball, softball, and rowing in full swing. Baseball is under the guidance of "Doc" Holmes, who also pitches for the team. Rowing is managed by Jim Grey, and has many adherents who can be seen rushing to the Richelieu river off a summer eve, thus hindering the Irberville bound athletes who follow the manly art of elbow-bending.

GYM CENTRE

Regardless of the season, the Dawson gym provides year-round facilities for such games as badminton, floor hockey, and volleyball. The badminton is under the supervision of provincial champ Gord Simpson and Ted Dawson. Hutch Hutchison, Norm Lang, and Andy Lesage have a man sized job on their hands managing the floor hockey department. One of the more popular sports at Dawson, floor hockey, claims a large number of followers who are always eager for a bloody, bone-crushing contest. The weightlifting room is a second home for all aspiring Charles Atlases, who are guided through their tortures by Professor Coyle, El Carlisle, and Dave Baille.

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zonal bars: Doug Marsland, McGill coach and senior intercollegiate rings champ; and Art Henderson, all round acrobat, all signed up for the meet.

All these entries will be in there trying as the Olympic Committee have their eyes on the meet with the aim of discovering possible material.

To make this meet the biggest thing that has ever hit Canada in the way of gymnastics, Em has brought up a five-man team from the Swiss Gymnastic Club of Union, N.J. This club has won the U.S. national championship sixteen times in the last twenty-one years and has continually placed on American Olympic squads.

Frank Cumiskey, head of the club

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The Co-ed Point of View

Debates Start On Friday: Season Opens

The Women's Committee of the McGill Debating Union is out for membership and participation. The Debating Union is sponsoring a debating tournament this weekend. With sessions planned for Friday, and Saturday afternoon and evening, the series of argument for and against socialized medicine will end with a dinner for the entrants.

While the men's response has been considerable, there are few co-ed entries. Posters in the Arts Building common room, and on the R.V.C. notice board await the signatures of this year's members. The Executive has stressed that experienced debaters and novices in public speaking are equally welcome. Speeches are limited to 10 minutes.

In addition to actual contests, the Women's Committee has several tea meetings during the year, at which competent public speakers give the membership suggestions on how to improve their own debating. Last year there was a debate between McGill and the University of Montreal, the first between the two universities in this city. The team was a co-ed team, "International" activity included a week-end verbal contest with Middlebury College, in Vermont, and this year a more ambitious programme is planned, to include meeting teams from Smith College and Vassar.

Every member will have a chance to argue on a team at least once or twice during the term. R.V.C. debates at a faculty in the intramural contests, which were well attended last year, especially when co-eds and engineers tried to come to a decision about the Place of Women.

This week-end puts debating for women students on the club's list, and the Executive mentions as Dates to Keep Open, November 21 and 22, the days of the tournament, and November 27, scheduled for the open meeting.

will be on the team coming up. He has an impressive record, consisting of 23 national titles and participating in two Olympic teams, as well as being a leading contender for the 1948 Olympic squad. Also coming up are Edward Scrobe, Vincent D'Autorio. These plus the importance of the meet itself ought to be quite an affair.

Male Greenhorn Tells Folks Of McGill Football and Girls

Dear Ma,

I really have to tell you about the football games here this. You know Ma, we didn't do very well this year. It's nobody's fault; but we're really going to have a smasheroo team next year. Anyway most of the fun at the game was not watching the team but all the other things going on at the same time.

As soon as we had fought our way into the stadium at 1 p.m. (the games all started at 2:15) pretty coeds came by laden down with books. They looked so wistful and unhappy under the load that out of common courtesy we all bought them. Even the guys on the back row of the bleachers. They threw the coins down and could those girls catch? Why, we should have them on the team!

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The band paraded in and Ma, they were a terrific improvement over last year's effort. They looked real smart too in their red and white uniforms. All the other colleges had cheerleaderettes and all the fellows roared when they came over to lead one of our cheers. But our men were really good and we made a lot of noise. But this year, Ma, they didn't do any flips or acrobatics. I sure missed those.

You know, Ma, how you've always told me that there was safety in numbers. Well, I followed your advice and took two girls to the game. Ma, I'm half dead; one got too excited that she kept saying: "Did you see that?" and jabbing me in the ribs so that I'm black and blue. The other gal yelled in

Assistant Spent War Years In Rennes: Now at RVC

by Betty Sigler

Mlle Lucienne Clerant is an assistant to the Warden of R.V.C. This suggests a person only slightly less formidable than one's mental picture of the warden of a girls' residence, and nothing could be more unlike the new assistant at Royal Victoria College. She came to McGill from Beaver College in Pennsylvania, but she grew up and studied in Rennes, Brittany. A war and enemy conquest, siege and liberation, and life in two countries on this side of the Atlantic are a lot of experience for a young lady who is not as old as some of the girls for whom she "sits up" at night.

Beaver College was one of a number of American schools which offered assistant posts to qualified French students. Mlle. Clerant applied for this chance to work in America, and was accepted at the 600-student girls' college. There she taught La Belle Langue, as some of her friends are doing in the South and Middle West. She intended to take M.A. courses, but the Pennsylvania college gave only undergraduate instruction, so she had time to practise her own English.

Lucienne Clerant specialized in English at the University of Rennes. In France, specializing at a university means studying one subject exclusively as one is expected to have received a general education before writing the entrance examinations. It seems that there are "idiotismes anglais" which even a French university has no time for, and these are best learned at first hand from a few hundred talkative Americans.

In addition to her R.V.C. duties, Mlle. Clerant teaches some of McGill's First Year French classes. She finds the "niveau intellectuel" fairly satisfactory here, although students with a widely varying exposure to French present a problem. Some come from schools where French is taught in English, and have never really spoken the language. Others are very fluent indeed but have an accent which Mlle. Clerant described as "pas mauvais, mais étrange."

Initiative

McGill, large and impersonal is very much like the university Mlle. Clerant attended in France. Here students have to rely more on their initiative than they do at a small, intimate residence college. Intellectual zeal among McGill students is not all that it might be, however.

when they cannot wait long enough after the double zong to let the lecturer finish the word that she has started, and they need a special invitation to do the eleven translations exercise after having completed numbers one to ten.

Enemy Occupation

French universities are co-educational, although during the war the students were almost all women. The only men to escape prisoner-of-war camps and labor battalions were youngsters and collaborators. Many were the acts of heroism on the Breton coast, and many of the students who were sent into Germany and never heard of again, before the Nazis fired all the buildings they had occupied in Rennes, blew up the arsenals and bridges, and ceded the city to the Americans after a 4-day bombardment. Mlle. Clerant speaks with the deepest regret of St. Malo, a mediaeval town that survived into the Twentieth Century, the walls of this port held the trophies of generations of Breton seamen. The walls are there today, an empty shell, because the Germans did not leave a single building standing when they retreated.

No one has ever been advised to become a professor and see the

world, but Mlle. Clerant intends to make travel a part of her teaching career. Later on she may try for a position on the West Coast, and see the Rockies on the way, or she may find an opening in South America. She intends to go back to France some day—when or how she does not know; at present she dispenses leave slips, French literature and French dinner conversation to McGill students.



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